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Sent: Mon 2/22/2016 7:58:18 PM
Subject: RE: Heads up re WGA

Phil,

The text below is from a hot issue paper we put together last summer (for an Administrator trip to UT I think). I think the bullet in the Message section would still apply today in terms of giving the Administrator some advance info and a talking point about coordination. If you wanted, you could also add this talking point on the emission inventory work we've been coordinating:

- EPA, UDAQ and the Tribe have been coordinating with industry to obtain oil and gas emission inventory information. These data are an important foundation to any eventual Basin-wide emission control strategy.

Issue: Uinta Basin Ozone and Oil and Gas Development

Message:

- EPA is working with the state of Utah, the Ute Tribe, BLM, and BIA to achieve emission reductions and consistent emission controls to protect air quality and human health with new and existing oil and gas development in the Uinta Basin.

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Background/Status:

The Uinta Basin in eastern Utah has been exceeding ozone standards during winter

inversions and may be designated an ozone non-attainment area in 2017. Oil and gas development is the primary source of ozone precursors in the Basin. It is estimated that approximately 75% of the oil and gas sources in the Basin are on the Ute Indian Tribe's reservation. There are approximately 10,000 existing oil and gas wells producing in the Basin. EPA has been focused on developing, with Utah, a comprehensive emissions inventory. EPA is also looking at the available regulatory authorities (e.g. NSPS OOOO, tribal minor NSR, and a potential reservation specific FIP) to control emissions from both new and existing oil and gas sources.

BLM, BIA and the State are authorizing thousands of additional oil and gas wells with some additional controls and emission reductions from existing infrastructure. EPA is trying to assure the mitigation provided is sufficient to protect human health for Uinta Basin residents.

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FYI – NEPA and OFA will get this briefing memo started. I'd appreciate any advice you have on what we should say with respect to our coordination with the State. Certainly, we can speak to shared concern and coordination regarding Uinta Basin ozone in general, but Monument Butte is really a BLM led project and we haven't yet gotten to the point of a proposed solution we could discuss.

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All,

Administrator would like to follow up with Giv Herbert later this week re Monument Butte. I asked Phil to work with Shari Wilson to pull together memo for her.

Shaun

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 19, 2016, at 6:26 PM, Hestmark, Martin <Hestmark.Martin@epa.gov> wrote:

I think that would be a good message for the Gov go deliver. As I recall, Phil and his team are still working with BLM and Newfield still needs encouragement.

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 19, 2016, at 4:53 PM, McGrath, Shaun <McGrath.Shaun@epa.gov> wrote:

Anything else to add to what Shari has said? I need it by Saturday afternoon. Thx

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Begin forwarded message:

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Date: February 19, 2016 at 4:13:57 PM MST
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From: Wilson, Shari
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Mark,

The project proponent for below just contacted me to say he believes Governor Herbert may contact Gina about the following. Sending along and leave up to you whether to add to materials. Thanks.

Shari

A quick heads up about an issue Gov. Herbert (UT) may raise. The Monument Butte project is 5000+ O&G wells in the Uinta Basin and DOI-BLM is preparing a Final EIS. Newfield, the project proponent, had been working with BLM and EPA early in the NEPA process to develop mitigation measures and an adaptive management plan to address significant ozone issues. Long story short, BLM's adaptive management plan committed to additional ozone mitigation if either modeling or monitoring showed that the project would contribute to the ozone problem. Since that time, both the modeling and monitoring thresholds were triggered and the company seems to have had second thoughts about additional measures. Ozone levels continue to be exceeded in the Basin this winter, even with the downturn in drilling activity. We recommend that the Administrator suggest the Governor advise Newfield to contact Region 8 and BLM to continue discussions.

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